

Supreme Court Justices, Appellate Court Judges, and Circuit Court Judges Assuming Office On or After July 30, 1979

Service Retirement Benefits

In order to receive a service retirement benefit authorized for the judicial office in which he or she is serving at the time of retirement, the Justice or Judge must have served in that office for **one full term or a time equal to one full term**. The service retirement benefit is payable in equal monthly installments over the life of the retired Justice or Judge. The Alabama State Legislature may grant cost-of-living increases equal to those received by state retirees of the ERS on an ad hoc basis.

Judicial Service Only

A Justice or Judge with judicial service only will receive a service retirement benefit equal to **75 percent** of the salary payable by the state for the judicial position on the date the Justice or Judge terminates active service (**Final Judicial Salary**).

ERS or TRS Transfer Service

A Justice or Judge with ERS or TRS transfer service will have his or her retirement benefit calculated based on the following formula:

Service Retirement Formula

(Assuming office on or after July 30, 1979)

$75\% \times \text{Final Judicial Salary} \times \text{Years of Judicial Service} \div \text{Years Required at Retirement Age}$

Plus

$2.0125\% \times \text{Average Final Salary of Transfer Service} \times \text{Years of Transfer Service}$

This retirement benefit **cannot** exceed 75 percent of the final judicial salary.